

/ Claim 13, line 1, delete "11 or 12,"

/ Claim 14, line 1, delete "any of claims 9 to 13" and substitute -- claim 9 --

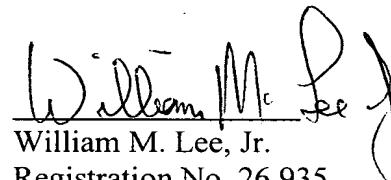
Remarks

The above amendments are being made in order to eliminate multiple dependency and improper multiple dependency before calculation of the national filing fee for the United States. Should any multiple dependency remain, that is unintended, and the Patent and Trademark Office is requested to cancel any remaining multiple dependent claims without prejudice before calculation of the filing fee in the United States.

Examination of the application on its merits is awaited.

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